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An interesting article in Harper's December.

Governor Seymour, of New York, swells the tramp literature of the day by an article in the December Harper's. His idea is that when a man has been more than once convicted of offense against the law, he should thereafter be looked upon as an habitual offender, and watched as such by the authorities. He would then give to magistrates the power to punish summarily such a criminal, for petty offenses, either by condemning him to a certain amount of hard work, or to be publicly flogged. He believes that our jails are steaming hot-houses for developing the growth of vice and crime. Men and boys, without regard to their experience in crime, are there shut up together, and those who are the youngest or most innocent soon become contaminated by the influence of the worst. He believes the whipping-post of Delaware to be infinitely better than this. In the case of the young particularly, who are just starting out in a career of crime, he would have them either punished by whipping, or bound out to service. As for older offenders, he would set them at work breaking stone. These punishments would of course be for minor offenses such as are now punished by fines or imprisonment. A whole-some dread of the lash or of hard work would then have a restraining effect, where now the jail is often looked forward to as a comfortable refuge from hunger and cold weather. There is much cogency in the Governor's argument, and particularly in that portion of it which sets forth the pernicious effects of imprisoning various classes of prisoners together.

The Latest Estimate in Washington.

PHILADELPHIA, November 15.—A Washington dispatch to the Times gives a careful table of the result of the elections for membership in the Forty-sixth Congress, compiled by friends of Speaker Randall, and which is claimed to be the fullest and most trustworthy yet made. It is as follows:

Dem's Rep's Gr's

Alabama 4 0 0

Arkansas 4 0 0

California 1 1 0

Colorado 1 0 0

Connecticut 1 0 0

Delaware 1 0 0

Florida 1 0 0

Georgia 1 0 0

Idaho 1 0 0

Illinois 1 0 0

Indiana 1 0 0

Iowa 1 0 0

Kansas 1 0 0

Kentucky 1 0 0

Louisiana 1 0 0

Maine 1 0 0

Maryland 1 0 0

Massachusetts 1 0 0

Michigan 1 0 0

Minnesota 1 0 0

Mississippi 1 0 0

Missouri 1 0 0

Montana 1 0 0

Nebraska 1 0 0

Nevada 1 0 0

New Hampshire 1 0 0

New Jersey 1 0 0

New York 1 0 0

North Carolina 1 0 0

Ohio 1 0 0

Oregon 1 0 0

Pennsylvania 1 0 0

Rhode Island 1 0 0

South Carolina 1 0 0

Tennessee 1 0 0

Texas 1 0 0

Virginia 1 0 0

Washington 1 0 0

West Virginia 1 0 0

Wisconsin 1 0 0

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Letter from James E. Wharton.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Nov. 14, 1878.

Editor Intelligencer:

I enclose you a copy of an article from the Cincinnati Times of the 4th, which interested me very much; but perhaps you have few readers who would be interested in it. Mr. James Robb went to Wheeling about the time or before I did (1835), and was clerk in the dry goods store of John Farwell, who kept on Main street, just above the bridge. He was there some two years after I knew him. He was then some twenty odd years old, and evidently a young man who had no advantage of early education, but had been well trained by some one outside of the schools in his boyhood, and was constantly reaching after something higher and broader than he had. This was manifest by the fact that he used many words that he did not fully understand, and conversed upon subjects he had not yet grasped. This often raised a smile with his associates, but yet seemed an evidence that a future was before him.

The first step he took from his clerkship was the result of a lecture on banking, delivered before our lyceum, at which Redick McKee, President of the M. &amp; M. Bank, the President and some of the Directors of the branch at Morgantown were auditors. It was a good lecture, and on the strength of it he was elected Cashier of the branch bank.

In the early part of 1838 Mr. Brady and I went to Morgantown and remained some days. Wash Wilson was there—his old home—and one afternoon a party consisting of Wm. Lazier, John Hannay, T. P. Ray, James Robb, Mr. Brady, Wilson and myself, went to Tommy Wouman's, who kept a tavern in a one-room log-house on the forks of Cheat, nine miles. Tommy was short one leg, but had twelve white headed children. There was a slanty little distance from the house where they cooked and ate. The room in the house had four beds and a trundle bed, in which the twelve children were packed, and heads out in every direction. Our party occupied three of the beds, the landlord and wife the other, while room was left so that we gathered up some girls from the country around and had a good dance, where the fiddle had a good time in the doorway. The most remarkable events of the night were that Lazier went out his stockings dancing on the punchon floor and Wilson screaming out in the night, waking all, and apologized by saying Robb's toe was in his eye, and he drew it was an ear ring. At that time Mr. Robb told me of his purpose of going to New Orleans—believing his lungs were seriously affected. I believe all the party are dead except Brady, Robb and myself. Mr. Ray died in Baltimore, and Wilson in California.

I felt great interest in Mr. Robb's remarkable career, but supposed he was still in New York, until I read the enclosed account of him, which is very correct, except I always supposed he had lost some \$4,000,000 in his Southern railroad operations. He was certainly for many years, a very fortunate man, as well as a shrewd, far-sighted and benevolent one. All who knew him in his younger days will be glad he is so well fixed.

Yours, J. E. WHARTON.

A SOUTHERN DEM. VICTORY.

The Majority Rule of the Dem. Shift.

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The majorities in the different counties of South Carolina, so far as received, are given below. Georgetown goes Democratic, but the majority is not yet reported:

Abbeville 10 0 0

Anderson 10 0 0

Barnwell 10 0 0

Beaufort 10 0 0

Berkeley 10 0 0

Bladen 10 0 0

Calhoun 10 0 0

Charleston 10 0 0

Cherokee 10 0 0

Clarendon 10 0 0

Colleton 10 0 0

Darlington 10 0 0

Dillon 10 0 0

Florence 10 0 0

Georgetown 10 0 0

Horry 10 0 0

Jasper 10 0 0

Kershaw 10 0 0

Lancaster 10 0 0

Laurens 10 0 0

Lexington 10 0 0

Marion 10 0 0

McCormick 10 0 0

Milledgeville 10 0 0

Monroe 10 0 0

Muscogee 10 0 0

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Oconee 10 0 0

Oxford 10 0 0

Pickens 10 0 0

Richland 10 0 0

Saluda 10 0 0

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